

**Memo to File**

**RE: Topping Committee Meeting**

**DA: February 25, 2021**

**BY: Jack Hobbs, County Administrator**

I attended a duly advertised Topping Committee meeting that was convened on February 23, 2021 at 5:15 PM in the Board Auditorium at 414 N. Main Street. All Committee members (Clay Jackson, Amber Foster, Greg Cave, Megan Ingram and me) were present.

The committee discussed three proposals for the use of Topping Fund monies. It was noted that there are insufficient monies in the Topping Fund to pay for all requests currently before the group (see attached). A consensus on each proposal was reached as follows:

1. **Funding the resumption of a spay and neuter program for cats** that would be administered by the Animal Shelter staff. By consensus, the group agreed to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the request for \$6,500 that would fund this program.
2. **Funding the repainting of the exterior of the animal shelter.** By consensus, the group agreed to consider the painting project after bids for the work have been received.
3. **Funding a dog park on the County's Hoover Ridge property.** Concern was expressed that the proposal indicates that the project would be 100% funded with Topping Fund monies and that a significant portion of the cost would involve grading and parking lot construction. By consensus, the group agreed to consider this request after matching grant monies are secured.

Gary Misch suggested that his Madison Community Cats organization might provide the spay and neuter program at a lower cost per cat such that more cats could be "fixed". The differences in the population of cats targeted by the animal shelter program versus the cats targeted by Misch's organization was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at about 5:45 PM.

## Funds in Discussion:

<b>Topping's Committee:</b>	<b>Private Donations:</b>
Current: \$48,356.02	\$14,516.05
Play Yard: -6,798.00	
Remaining: \$41,558.02	

## Proposal:

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- I. **Spay & Neuter Program:** \$6,500
    - a. Offer a low cost spay and neuter program to the citizens of Madison County, like done in the past (approximately 40 cats).
  - II. **Paint Animal Shelter:** \$14,797.54
    - a. Paint the exterior (grey/trimmed in white).
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## Dog Park Estimate

**\$7,450 Excavating for road and 12 parking spots**

**\$10,197 Fencing**

**\$ 1,136.97 (6) Trees for shade**

**\$1,111 Dog Park Entrance and Rules Sign**

**\$1,017.92 (2) Dog Waste Stations with bags and liners**

**\$1,354.24 (2) 8 foot benches and outdoor trash can**

**\$500 Extra signage**

**\$3,415 15% Contingencies**

**\$26,182.13 TOTAL**